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PASS THORNE OOB 19 JAN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OTRA (CONTRACT PARTY)

SUBJECT: CONTRACT PARTY ARRIVALS, ITINERARY AND ESTABLISHMENT
OF SINAI FIELD MISSION (SFM) INSTALLATION

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1. HAVE DISCUSSED PROPOSED ITINERARY WITH IDF. IN
GENERAL THERE ARE NO PROBLEMS. FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS/
SUGGESTIONS GENERATED BY MISSION.

2. IDF LIAISON OFFICER DEPARTED 0600 19 JAN FOR GIDDI
PASS CAMP (TANK BATTALION CAMP) TO PREPARE FOR ARRIVAL
OF CONTRACTOR AND USG LIAISON PERSONNEL. HE WILL ALSO
COORDINATE SECURITY FOR OFF LOADED CARGO LEFT AT BASE
CAMP SITE AND REMAIN UNTIL AND FOLLOWING ARRIVAL OF
CONTRACTOR PARTY.

3. WHO IS AGENT FOR COLUMBIA EXPORT CO. (COLUMBIA
EXPORT PACKERS)? IN TEL AVIV?

4. IF CONTRACTOR VEHICLES PART OF INCOMING CARGO,
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THEY SHOULD HAVE PROPER LIABILITY INSURANCE. IF

NECESSARY THIS COULD BE ARRANGED THROUGH COLUMBIA EXPORT CO. AGENT IN TEL AVIV. IDF SUGGESTS THAT ALL CONTRACTOR AND USG PERSONNEL BE PROVIDED WITH TEMPORARY ID CARDS FOR PERIOD UP TO 22 FEBRUARY, SINCE THEY ARE WORKING IN A MILITARY ZONE. IF ALL PERSONNEL HAVE EXTRA PASSPORT-SIZE PHOTO, IDF CAN PROVIDE BI-LINGUAL TEMPORARY ID IMMEDIATELY.

6. CONTRACTOR WILL BE ABLE TO DRAW WATER FROM SAME SOURCE AS GIDDI PASS CAMP. IDF LIAISON OFFICER WILL ASCERTAIN EXACT LOCATION. WHILE THERE IS A COMMERCIAL GAS STATION AT BOTH BIR GIFGAFI AND EL ARISH, CONSENSUS IS THAT THEY PROBABLY WOULD NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT STOCK TO SUPPLY REGULARLY. SUGGESTION IS THAT CONTRACTOR FOLLOW UN EXAMPLE AND CONTRACT WITH COMPANY IN TEL AVIV FOR REGULAR DELIVERY TO DESERT WHERE IT COULD BE TRANSFERRED FROM ONE TANKER TO ANOTHER.

7. AFTER ARRIVAL OF CARGO FLIGHT NO. 3 ON 27 JAN, IDF SEES NO PROBLEM IN USING RAFIDIM FOR FURTHER DELIVERIES. RUNWAY CAN HANDLE EITHER C-130 OR C-141 AND MAXIMUM OF TWO AIRCRAFT ON GROUND AT ONE TIME. CONTRACTOR WOULD HAVE TO PROVIDE OWN CT-120 FORKLIFT FOR UNLOADING. RAFIDIM ALSO CANNOT ACCEPT ANY AIRCRAFT FOR UNLOADING ON SATURDAYS.

8. IDF RAISED POSSIBILITY OF PROBLEMS IN UNLOADING CARGO FLIGHT NO. 2 AS IT ARRIVES ON A SATURDAY. THEY ARE CHECKING INTO THIS AS WELL AS REQUIREMENTS FOR NIGHT CONVOY IF DEPARTURE IS AT 1630 HOURS PER REFTEL PARA H.

9. IDF ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF WHETHER MR. THORNE AND ADVANCE PARTY WOULD RATHER FLY TO RAFIDIM AND USE IDF TRANSPORTATION TO RECON SITES AND TRAVEL TO CP ALPHA. OBVIOUS ADVANTAGE IS TIME, WHILE POSSIBLE DISADVANTAGE IS REQUIREMENT LEVIED ON IDF. PLEASE ADVISE.

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10. ACCORDING TO REFTEL PARA F, EIGHTEEN CONTRACT PERSONNEL DEPART WITH FIRST CARGO SHIPMENT AT 0900 ON 22 JAN. WILL ANY CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL REMAIN IN TEL AVIV ON 22 JAN TO ACCOMPANY THORNE AND ADVANCE PARTY? PLEASE ADVISE.
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